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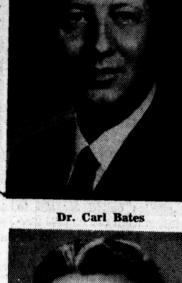
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(An Editorial)

some way to get some training "We must indoctrinate or we will disintegrate." So done," added James Basden wrote H. H. Hargrove in the Western Recorder in 1940. of Dallas, secretary of the Hu-He also said, "Doctrine is the bone of the Christian body. A body without bones or with broken bones becomes a the Baptist General Convention crumpled, helpless, useless mass. A denomination whose constituency is not devoted to its great, vital; distinctive doctrines will disintegrate into helplessness first and final-These remarks were among ly into uselessness." those given by Baptist dele-

If these words were true twenty years ago, they are ference on the Aging here. The even more true today. In this day of conformity and docconference attended by more trinal laxity there are signs of the development of a weak and flabby Christianity. Southern Baptists must not follow this popular trend. One great revival that we need now is a revival of indoctrination. Our people need to know what Baptists believe and why they believe it.

Doctrine is of vital importance. More than fifty times in the New Testament the word is used, and the Scriptures make clear that doctrine is to be preached, that people are to be indoctrinated, and that sound doctrine is an essential element in the New Testament church. The churches were reminded to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

The present century has not been a time of strong emphasis on doctrinal preaching and teaching. In his book Doctrinal Preaching For Today, Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood says that doctrinal preaching "has declined in the first half of the twentieth century." He states that the first half of the twentieth century.." He states that "when preachers preached doctrine the church made an impact on the age," and when they did not "the influence of the church and clergy declined." Some Christian leaders are now charging that Protestantism may be declining. Is doctrinal laxity the reason? Is the failure to indoctrinate Spanish Baptist our own Baptist people one of the causes of the "slump' that some have felt that Southern Baptists have entered?

It is a tragic fact that large numbers of our Baptist people know little concerning the doctrines of our faith. A university student from one of our Mississippi churches, wrote to a member of the church staff asking, "What do we believe? I have been asked by a fellow student what Baptists believe and I could not tell him." Would this be typical? How many Baptists would be able to intelligently present our basic doctrines? Certainly, we would not expect every member to understand our teachings with the chapel is the result of the ed closed by Spanish police in the same comprehension of the pastor or a theologian, but they can return to their countries on Page 2) (Continued on Page 4)

Church Gets



MISS PEGGY BOOTH, Memphis, will present the feature performance for Blue Mountain College's High School Week End, which will be held on the Campus, February 10-12. She will give "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder as her senior speech production. Miss Booth's program will be presented on two evenings, Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11, at 8 o'clock in Garrett Auditorium. The public is invited.

#### Hospital Chapel --

(Continued from Page 1) request she made before her death in April, 1956, that friends and relatives send gifts for a building at the Sanyati hospital in lieu of flowers for her funeral. Mr. Morgan is pastor of Petworth-Montgomery Hills Baptist church, Washington, D. C., and a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The chapel is one of several units planned in an over-all development program for the medical center. Others are a maternity building, which was begun earlier in 1960; a waiting room and a medical ward block.

#### State VBS --

(Continued from Page 1) ties and conduct a similar clinic for the local churches. The Clinic will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday and adjourn at

8:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Clinic program will consist of age-group conference periods, planning sessions, and

a review of past accomplish-Two other out-of-state program leaders will participate, as follows: Mrs. H. C. Hooter,

Nursery approved worker, Louisiana, and Mrs. Lowell Queen, Junior approved worker, Texas State leaders to assist on

program in addition to the staff members of the State Sunday School Department include: Miss Ethel McKeithen, Edu-

cation Director, First Church, Columbus Mrs. Percy Herring, Woodville Heights Church, Jackson; Mrs. H. L. Green, Calvary Church, Jackson. Bryant Cummings is state

Sunday School Secretary.



Rev. Bob Moritz

#### **Iuka Church** Ordains Minister

Iuka Church recently ordained to the ministry Bob Moritz, who is now serving as pastor of Eastport Church.

Rev. R. J. Cooper, pastor of Iuka Church, presided at the ets of some faiths, and in the service. Rev. J. D. Joslin, process sharpens the conscious-Burnsville, and Rev. Eugene Tennison presented messages to the church and to Mr. Moritz. Rev. C. C. Cornelius preached the ordination sermon.

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## Edu. Prominent In Bills Before Congress

WASHINGTON - (BP) Twenty-three education bills were dropped into the legislative hopper of the House of Representatives the first day of the 87th Congress, according to a listing in the Congressional Record.

Some of these bills are designed to give federal aid to public schools alone, some designate the aid to the states to. be distributed through the state school system, some clearly have relief to parochial schools in mind, while others offer an indirect approach by providing income tax deducation for certain educational expenses.

These 23 bills are but the forerunner of hundreds of others in a like vein that will be offered within the next few weeks. It has not yet been determined which bill or bills will receive serious consideration, but it is certain that the philosophy behind many of them will be thoroughly stud-

Aid Bill Contains

It is almost certain that an aid to education bill of some description will be enacted during the 87th congress. Both houses of congress passed education bills last year, but they failed to agree on a compromise. The platforms of both the Democratic and Republican parties called for aid to education from the federal government. Strong lobbying interests throughout the country are pulling for an Educational

#### Strong Program -

(Continued from Page 1) attend, according to Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, Associate Executive Secretary, who will direct the annual

Begins at 7 P M.

The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn at Noon Wednesday.

Leading the music will be W. C. Morgan, Jackson, state music director, with Arthur L. Nelson, Jackson, at the organ. Assisting Mr. Sansing in directing the conference will be son, Executive Secretary-Trea- tist Record the past three

tism goal for 1961 is 20,300 effective immediately. compared to the 18,557 baptized in 1959. Figures for 1960 tive secretary, announced the are not yet available.

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Vaughn, Laurel: Rev. Bill Causey, Meridian; Rev. Russell McIntire, Clinton, Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg; Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, and Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia dentist:

The program will feature inspirational messages and emphasis on the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism.

at Gulfshore this year for the first time.

#### Parochial Bus - -

(Continued from Page 1) the case of Everson V. Board of Education, in which it upheld parochial bus transportation in New Jersey, in light of its famous decision in Mc Collum V. Board of Education (of Champaign, Ill.) in which it later forbade released-time religious instruction in the public schools.

Justice Felix Frankfurter declared in the McCollum case that "children in non-participating sects would have inculcated in them a feeling of separatism where the school should be the training group for habits of community."

"As a result," said Justice Frankfurter, the school system of Champaign actively furthers inculcation in the religious tenness of religious differences resign his office to fill a va-(among other) children committed to its welfare.....

He added in that decision (R.-Wyo.), a Presbyterian. that "these are precisely the Following the ordination consequences against which the have 86 instead of 87 Protesconstitution was directed when tants, 12 Catholics and 2 Jew-Moritz with a beautiful Bible, common to all from becoming clude 19 Methodists who outcons from Baptist Churches even this country records some Presbyterians and 7 Congrega- as reported by United Press Mt. Carmel Church in Neshoba 00 was given to the Building dark pages."





THE LOVELY pines surrounding the new building at Pineview, Moss Point, top photo, show that the church was aptly named. The Building Committee, bottom photo, are named in the story below.

### Pineview, Moss Point, Dedicates \$80,000 Building

# **Staffer Promoted**

Miss Patricia (Pat) Tullos, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jack- office secretary for the Bapone-half years, has been pro-The Mississippi Baptist bap- moted to editorial assistant,

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, execuadvancement which was ap-State leaders to appear on proved Tuesday of last week program will be Rev. Damon by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board.

Miss Tullos will assist not only with the editorial work of the Baptist Record but will share also with the Convention Board's press relations program under direction of Rev. Joe Abrams, associate editor,

in whose office she serves. She is also the main teletype operator for the Jackson sta-The conference will be held tion of the Southern Baptist Convention network. Miss Tullos, a native of Clinton, is a graduate of Mississippi College...

of Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor.

#### Two Appointments deen High School, Mississippi Change Senate minary. Religious Make-Up

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) - Two appointments to fill vacancies in the 87th Congress change the religious composition of that chamber as reported earlier by raising the number of Roman Catholics from 11 to 12 and reducing Presbyterians from 11 to 10.

Filling the vacant seats are two active Roman Catholic laymen. One is Sen. Benjamin A. Smith II (D.-Mass.), who replaces President-elect John F. Kennedy, a Catholic. The other is Gov. Joseph Hickey of Wyoming, a Democrat who will cancy caused by the death of Sen.-elect E. Keith Thomson til now.

The new Senate will now ish members. Protestants intional Christians.

Pineview Church (formerly Southern Baptist Plan C-575. the dedication service. Assist-Friendship) of Moss Point, ob- The plant, valued at \$80,000.00, ing were Rev. Montie A. Davis, served homecoming day, com- provides for a completely de- Rev. Claude Fortenberry and bined with special services to partmentalized Sunday School Rev. Robert Howard. Robert dedicate the newly completed to care for 269, and is air- Greene, Chairman of the Buildchurch building shown above, conditioned throughout. A tem- ing Committee, led in con-During the last three years, porary auditorium to seat 250 structing the church with volthe church purchased property is included in the building. In unteer labor except for the in a new subdivision and the four months the new build- masonry and air-conditioning. erected the first two units of ing has been occupied, Sunday Members of the Building Com-School attendance has increas-



Rev. Ira B. Bright, Jr.

#### Southside Chapel Calls Pastor

Rev. Ira B. Bright, Jr. has resigned the Arbor Grove Church in Chickasaw Association to be-Mrs. Anne W. McWilliams is come pastor of Southside Chapeditorial assistant in the office el, Aberdeen, effective January

A native of Aberdeen, Rev. Bright is a graduate of Aber-College, and Southwestern Se-

In 1954 he worked as a "Tentmaker" for the Home Mission Board, serving in north cenhas been pastor of the Arbor Grove Church, Houston.

He was a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1956-1960, and was

sissippi Pastors' Conference. Southside Chapel was organized as a mission June 1, 1960, under the sponsorship of First Baptist Church, Aberdeen. Rev. Joseph Oliver, associational missionary of Monroe Association, have been leading the work un-

Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr. is pastor of First Church, Aberdeen.

The American farmer today produces enough for himself number members of any other and twenty-two others. In 1940 religious affiliation, and 15 the farmer produced only International.

mittee pictured above, left to right, are C. R. McArthur. Baptist Record The cornerstone was laid at John Chun, Hubert Cowart, Robert Greene, Chairman, L. G. Camp, Jr., Pastor, J. T.

Smith, Melvin Crutchfield and Marvell Taylor. Members not pictured are A. A. Criswell, George Boothe, Ray Morris, Roy Goff, Claude Henderson and Sammy McArthur.

Dinner served by the ladies of the church was enjoyed by members and friends.



Rev. Bobby Jack Henley

Ordained On a recent Sunday afternoon Neshoba Church ordained Bobby Jack Henley to the gospel ministry.

Rev. James Walker, pastor, East Philadelphia Church, tral California. Since 1955 he preached the ordination sermon. The examining council included Rev. W. B. Boatner, associational missionar; Rev. Clyde Wroten, pastor at Coldwater; Rev. Elmo Norton, pasclerk of Chickasaw Association for at Bluff Springs; Rev. Paul 1958-1960. He is at present Sec. McDonald, pastor at Bethsairetray of the Northeast Mis- da; Rev. Leo Barker, pastor at Linwood Church; and deacons from various churches. First Church, Philadelphia, acted as moderator.

Rev. Henley graduated from Baylor University in 1954. After attending Dallas Theological Seminary for three and onehalf years, he spent two years has served as mission pastor in the army. During three months of that time he acted as pastor of the Bad-Nanheim Church in Germany. Later he Valley, First Southern Baptist served as assistant to his

chaplain. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mar-

# Offering Includes Church Site Funds

ATLANTA - (BP) -South- | a million dollars. ern Baptists will provide the financial means for further church extension through their strong Offering held greater annual Home Mission Offering this spring.

The offering, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union Redford of Atlanta, Executive seeks \$2,470,000 for home mission work, and \$250,000 of this will be placed in the Church about 40 per cent of the opera-Site Fund of the Home Mission | ting expense of the board. Board.

In addition, all gifts in excess of the goal will be added to the fund. If the goal is reached, this will raise the fund to designated funds above the

# Daniel Is First With Three **Morning Services**

Due to an exceedingly crowded condition in Sunday School and to the fact that people are being turned away from two worship services on Sunday morning, a reorganization of the program at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, has become necessary. The church plans to begin three morning worship services, probably the first in the state.

Beginning February 1, there will be a Youth Sunday School at 8:30. This will include the 12-yr. Juniors. Intermediates and Young People. This releases ten departments for expansion during the regular Sunday School hour. It will give these youth departments the use of all the facilities at 8:30; therefore plenty of room is afforded for expansion in these departments.

There will be three worship services. At 8:30, there will be a regular worship hour. At 9:45 the youth departments will have a worship service. At 11:00 o'clock, those who have not previously attended, will be present for this hour of worship. An overflow room equipped with closed circuit TV is available for the overflow

This procedure will continue until a building program is completed.

#### NEW PASTOR Criswell Predicts --**BEGINS WORK** AT RICHLAND

Rev. M. Ray Campbell has begun his duties as pastor of Richland Church in Rankin County.

Following completion of his seminary work (he received the B. D. degree) at New Orleans Seminary in May, 1960, Rev. Campbell became pastor of the East Fork Church in Amite County. While in Amite County, he also was pastor of the Hebron Church on a part time basis.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell moved to the Richland Church, government, and another in Route 6, Jackson, on Decem-Her 29, 1960, and began work there on January 1. The couple have three children, LaNell, Susan, and Ray, Jr.

#### Mississippian Pastor of New California Church

First Southern Baptist Church, Mill Valley, Califonia, was organized on December 4, 1960. Services were begun on July 19, 1959 with four members. The Church was organized with fifty-nine members.

Dr. Elmer Gray, interim pastor of the Novato, First Baptist Church, served as moderator of the organizing ses-Rev. Roy Collum, pastor of sion. (The Novato, California Church sponsored the Mill Valley Mission.) Rev. R. Y. Gerrard, a na-

tive of Yazoo City, Mississippi, graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, and was called to serve the new church. On a recent Sunday at Mill

Church, the Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$150.00 was exceeded by the total of \$210.00. vin Henley of Neshoba, Rev. On the same day the regular Baptists, 13 Episcopalians, 10 enough for ten other persons, Henley is now pastor of the offering was \$163.00, and \$300.

**Great Promise** "Never has the Annie Arm-

promise for a worthy part in the advance of home missions than it does this year," Courts Secretary of the Mission Board said. "The offering will provide

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G. Frank Garrison, of Atlanta, Director of the Division of Church Loans, said, "Scarcely a day passes that I do not have to say no to from one to three requests for loans for church sites."

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The need has become acute with Southern Baptists 'entry into new states where financial institutions are not acquainted with the denomination and loans are difficult to secure. Also the 30,000 movement. a drive to start 10,000 churches and 20,000 missions by 1964, has intensified the demand for church site funds.

"While the offering is tremendously important," Redford added, "we feel that the educational program and the emphasis on prayer that constituted the vital part of the Home Mission Week of Prayer are of even greater signifi-

"I hope that every church and every Woman's Missionary Union will make its largest possible contribution to the total program of missions in the homeland."

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**Predicts Struggle** 

Criswell cited two specific incidents of persecution in the New England states - one in which a Baptist church was denied a building permit by a Catholic-controlled municipal which a Catholic city official ordered a Baptist church to quit using a neon sign advertising a church.

"This is the coming death struggle of the Baptist witness in America," he said. "This is no time to sit and cry, this is no time to reason why -This is the time to do or die." Criswell said that the only way Baptists can begin to grow faster than other religious faiths is through evangelism, "Our life, our yery existence, lies in evangelism." he

Earlier, Dr. Ramsey Pollard. president of the Southern Baptist convention portrayed the Baptist witness in America as the greatest in history "and it'll be even better in 1961," he said.

Pollard, pastor of the Belevue Baptist Church of Memphis, criticised articles appearing in Baptist newspapers throughout the nation suggesting the possibility of a spiritual recession in the Southern Baptist convention. "It's not so," he said.

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News In

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Charles and Nella Dean Whitten, missionaries living at Calle de San Telmo, 10, Madrid, Spain, have a new baby boy, John William, born December 23, weighing nine pounds. Charles Whitten is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitten of Weir, Mrs. Whitten is the former Nella Dean Mitchell of Louisville. The baby is the couple's fourth child.

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Panny Stuckey, a Mississippi College student, was licensed to the Gospel ministry by First Church, New Orleans, on Jan.

C. B. Jackson, associate director of the Division of Evangelism of the Texas Bantist Convention, will retire from this position on Jan. 1 1962. He will continue to do independent evangelistic work and is now booking engagements for 1962. His home address is 4043 Hawthorne, Dallas 19.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Baptist theologian and lesson writer, will be featured during the 1961 H. I. Hester Lectureship on Preaching March 21-25 at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

J. W. Adkerson and Myrl Carlock were ordained as deacons of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Dr. Robert L. Hambin,

Rev. Parkes Marles, missionary to Korea, was the reatured speaker at the recent meeting of the Lebanon Baptist Ministers' Association at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg.

Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College, has taught the January Bible Study Classes for First Church, New Albany, which he serves as interim pastor; Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, and First Church, Ripley;

DAYTON, O. (RNS) -Some 1,000 fewer persons are preparing for the ministry this year than last, the American Schools reported here.

Enrollment in 122 accredited or associate member schools

# **AppealBremondCase** To Education Board

in the Bremond School case in the case. has been appealed to the Texas Board of Education in an effort to stop Catholic nuns from wearing religious garb while on what the nuns wear while teaching in a Bremond, Tex., teaching in the school.

Seventeen plaintiffs in the

### L. I. Baptists Organize Church

FARMINGDALE, L. I. -(B-P) - Southern Baptists constitued the denomination's first church on Long Island on the first day of the New Year.

The Farmingdale Baptist Church, with 156 members, affiliated with the Northeastern Baptist Association of six other churches and 23 missions. Rev. mosphere." Don Miller of Farmingdale is

Beginning as a chapel of the Manhattan Baptist Church of New York City in 1958, the group met in a rented church building in Hempstead. They moved to the present location. on a two and a half acre site school in district-owned facilin Farmingdale in 1959.

Miller says the new church plans to establish other churches across the two-county area of Nassau and Suffolk. These two counties have a population of two million, with 349 separate municipalities and only 59 have Baptist churches or

### First Workers In Northeast States

ATLANTA - (BP) - Mass-Baptist workers with the ap-Richard W. Elliott, William pointment of two pastoral mis-H. Harper, Floyd Metts, and sionaries by the denomina-Charles Simpson were ordained tion's Home Mission Board and as deacons of First Church, the Maryland Baptist Conven- ed that the plaintiffs would

Charles H. Pollock of Covington, Ga. and Owen Sherrill of Kennett, Mo. will serve in missions at Hartford, Conn. and Springfield, Mass. Both missions are affiliated with the Manhattan Baptist Church of New York City.

"Both of these missions will be organized into churches in combined services in February," announced A. B. Cash of Atlanta, secretary of the Pioneer Missions Department of the mission board.

# Urges Waking - (Continued from Page 1)

two programs along this line. Rev. Elmer L. Howell, Brotherhood secretary for Mississippi Baptist Convention, Board Jackson, a state-appointed delegate; James M. Sapp, promotion director, S B C Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and McClellan concurred that the manner in which the conference was conducted was important.

WASHINGTON - (BP) Church-state problems, are interwoven throughout the nation's ministry to the aging.

Both the resources of government, the churches and other private agencies are being fused in meeting the needs of the aging population, according to comments by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist joint committee on public affairs. This obviously create: churchstate problems that are difficult to solve."

Called By Eisenhower

Carlson's views were expressed following the white house conference on aging which was called by President E. N. Elsey, dean of Association of Theological Eisenhower at the request of the Congress. The conference was composed of representatives of private organizations, in the United States and Can- all levels of government and cerned with the problems of American Association of Uni- A year ago it was 21,088. The older people. It was preceded versity Women. Announcement 1960 figure is the lowest in five by many local and state con- is Baptist Student Director at hops number 193, including 64 the materials during the conferferences.

AUSTIN - (BP) - A ruling haust administrative remedies'

Commissioner Edgar ruled recently that he did not have the authority to pass judgment

He agreed that the Bremond Independent School District case voted unanimously to aphad violated constitutional peal a ruling by State Com- guarantees of church-state sepmissioner of Education J. W. aration. "But it does seem to Edgar as the final stage in a me," he said, "that the school long series of hearings to "ex- Board has made valiant efforts to clear up these prac-

Complainants

The complainants listed two major phases of Edgar's ruling which were "unsatisfactory" to them: (1) that nuns teaching while wearing religious robes creates a religious atmosphere in a tax-supported public school, and (2) that conducting the school in a building located within the compound of other church property including a convent. parish house and church contributes to this "religious at

Edgar said he has no power to force the School Board to discontinue leasing the building for \$1 per pear from the Catholic church, but expressed "great concern" over the lease agreement and "strongly urged" the Board to conduct its

"I don't feel I have the authority to order a change in the dress of the nuns," Edgar said. "This is a matter which should be determined either by the courts or the legislature. 1933 Ruling

A 1933 ruling by the attorney general said that it is legal for the public school districts to hire nuns as teachers but the ruling did not state whether it is permissible for nuns to teach in their ecclesiastical

An attorney representing the plaintiffs said that if the State Board of Education upheld Edachusetts and Connecticut have gar's ruling, the taxpayer-citreceived their first Southern izen group would take the case back to the courts to test its constitutionality.

District, appellate, and state supreme courts had earlier rulhave to "exhaust" administrative remedy through the local School Board, State Commisioner of Education, and State Board of Education before taking the case to court.



George McGee

#### Trinity, Fulton Licenses Preacher

George McGee was recently Protestant, Catholic and Jewlicensed to preach by Trinity ish representatives in invoking Press has released 484 octavo Church, Fulton. He surrendered to the ministry while attending the State BSU Convention in Natchez.

George became a Christian ast February during a PSUsponsored revival at Trinity Church, and has been active in BSU work since that time. He is now serving as co-promotional chairman on the Executive BSU Council. He is also very active in Sunday School and Training Union.

Last summer he served as Youth Week Pastor at Trinity. George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McGee of Waynesboro, Tennessee. He is at present making his home with his brother, H. D. McGee, while high of 3,444,265 in 1960 for a and recordings for instruction attending Itawamba Junior Col- gain of nearly 170,000 or 2.54 in music appreciation. lege. He plans to enter Mississippi College next fall.

During the past five years eleven other boys in the BSU at IJC have surrendered to the Ministry. Miss Glady Bryant cent and now totals 9,079. Bis- tion, requested production of Itawamba Junior College.

### Johnson. Registered but not pictured: Don Northup. **Catholics Predominate Group** In House of Representatives

more numerous than members of any other single religious affiliation, a survey of the new million have been distributed 87th Congress disclosed here. through American church and Protestants as a whole, however, continue to outnumber those of any other religion.

SIXTEEN MEN from the First Church, Yazoo City, have registered for the Second National

Conference of Southern Baptist Men scheduled for Sept. 13-15, 1961, in Memphis. They are:

(L. 19 R., seated) Arthur Davis, J. H. Craig, Sr., William H. Walker, A. B. Kelly, Jr., Owen

Cooper, (L to R, standing) C. T. Collins, Jerry Clower, Cliff Russell, D. B. Roark, Clarence

Forsythe, Charles J. Jackson, Lacey Hodges, Ce cil F. Plunkett, L. A. Wilkins, and Floyd E.

Greece so far during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1961. The total includ- olic members dropped from 91 as "Protestant" while 3 dein the 86th Congress to 86 in cline to list any affiliation. Rep. milk, rice and wheat, accord- the new Congress, they out- D. S. Saund (D.-Cal.), the only have 76 and are the second most numerous.

Presbyterians number 61 in the new House, while Baptists icans United for the Separation have 52 members and Episcopalians, 53

Lutherans have 18 members, Dutch sect.

First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama on February 9-11, announces Harold Gully, Baptist for the graduate study of re- Student Director at Auburn

Cecil McGee, Associate in charge of Church Drama; Mrs. Sarah Miller, of Houston, Tex-Four of the National Defense as; and Orlin Corey, Centenary

Education Act. The fellowship College, Shreveport, Louisiana. presented include "The Years Ahead" written by Elliot Field, to be staged by the Auburn Baptist Student Union; "The Black Sheep" by Dorothy Murphree to be presented by Byne

#### ies will participate in the in-**Broadman Music** auguration of President-elect John F. Kennedy, January 20, Releases Figures Mr. Kennedy, who will be come the first Roman Catholic inaugurated into the nation's For First Decade highest office, will follow the

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - (BPN) - In its first decade as a music publisher, Broadman titles and 31 books.

The figures were announced by William J. Reynolds, Music Editor, Church Music Department., Sunday School Board, during the annual conference here of Baptist state music secretaries, seminary deans. and the Church Music Depart-

'The Church Music Depart ment, through Broadman Press publications, serves its own curriculum needs and that of in Germany. Many of its mem- other Sunday School Board departments, and the music ministry of local churches.

> Asked for Materials The Department has been asked to produce materials

A study group on the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training, headed by Leroy Mcincluding bishops, priests and Glard, church music secretary, deacons - increased 3.35 per Arkansas Baptist State Conven-

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) | the Congregational Christian Roman Catholics in the Churches, 19, and its sister House of Representatives are denomination in the United Church of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church,

> has 2 members. Disciples of Christ have 13 members in the House.

Jewish members total 11 in the House. A total of 17 mem-Although the number of Cath- bers list their affiliation only ing to the U. S. Operations number Methodists, who now Sikh ever elected to Congress, has been re-elected.

The Schwenkfelder Church is represented for the first time in Rep. Richard S. Schweiker (R.-Pa.), an active layman in this Pennsylvania

Chattanooga, Tennessee.

nounced later.

The Eastern Heights Baptist

Church of Columbus, Georgia

will stage a play to be an-

Accommodations for those

who will be coming from out-

of-town can be made by con-

tacting the Bantist Student

Union, Auburn, Alabama, or

the State BSU Department,

Mississippians To

Montgomery, Alabama.

## Drama Festival Plans Progress For Meeting At Auburn

Plans are progressing for the Albany, Georgia. Drama Festival to be held at "The Night Shall Pass" by Oprothy Clarke Wilson, to staged by the BSU of Florida State University; "No Room in the Hotel" to be presented by the First Baptist Church of

ligion, ranging from Buddhism University. The faculty will consist of

> Productions which will be Memorial Baptist Church of

### Attend Meeting At Nashville Six Mississippians, all from

Jackson, will participate in a Southern Baptist child life conference in Nashville at the end of the month. They are:

Rev. Tom Douglas, Mrs. A. A. Greene, Miss Carolyn Madison, Miss Evelyn George, Miss Waudine Storey, and Miss Mary Dann Stampley.

Scheduled for Jan. 30-Feb. 3 at the Baptist Sunday School Board, the meeting will be directed by William O. Thomason, assistant to the board's education division director. Children's workers throughout the Southern Baptist convention will attend the three-day conference. —(BSSB)



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#### Indoctrinate Or ---

we do believe that they should have some knowledge of our doctrines. How can one be a witness for Christ or a worthy church member without such knowledge?

How can our Baptist people know the doctrines? They must be taught. From the pulpit, in the class room, on the printed page, and in every other possible way the doctrines must be clearly presented if members are to know and un-

Because of our conviction that this indoctrination must be done, and that it needs to be done now, the BAPTIST RECORD will present during 1961 a series of feature pages on the great doctrines of our faith. Many Baptist writers, both in and out of our state are being asked to contribute to this series. In this issue we present the opening articles with a number of Baptist pastors and leaders writing on "Why I am a Baptist" or a related theme. In February there will be several articles on Baptists and the Bible. Other doctrines will be presented month after month throughout the year.

It is our prayer that this series will be helpful to all of our people in better understanding of the great doctrines which have made Baptists what they are.

#### On Being Baptist - - -

evangelism and when I follow the growth of our Sunday Schools and of our many mission assignments, I am proud to be a Baptist. When I see our churches lighted upon Sunday night and when I see the great throngs that come to our evangelistic meetings and who share in the evening programs of our churches, I am proud to be a Baptist. When I read God's Word and find therein the true faith and polity of a revelation once for all delivered to the saints and when I find that same faith and polity faithfully followed by our churches, I am proud to be a Baptist. In all things and in all ways, I am grateful to God that I set my life and my ministry in so blessed a circumference and with so devoted and spiritually-minded people.

### Wby I Am A Baptist

#### By H. Leo Eddleman, President New Orleans Seminary

In a wing of the White House one day in 1947 former President Harry Truman said he was a Baptist to begin with probably because he was born of Baptist parentage. Then he quickly added, "When I became old enough to make a study of the matter, I decided to remain one because the Baptists appear to be the only people in the business on a purely dimocratic basis." This forthright emphasis on his own free "decision" to remain a Baptist impressed all 31 missionaries and pastors in the office. While several news correspondents were present with us for notes and pictures, I never saw Mr. Truman's statement in the press. But his words have lingered in my mind as touching the basic Baptist distinctive: the responsible decision of one old enough to have at least some elementary understanding about Christian discipleship and

the choice of a church. Without presuming to appraise the aforementioned gentleman's statesmanship or church loyalty, my experience as to church membership has paralleled his so closely a to generate increasing appreciation for his declaration. While a junior in Mississippi College the convicton as to a call to preach crystallized irrevocably. "But I'll not be a narrow Baptist preacher like ours in Mississippi," I resolved. (The dust of the contest between Herbert Hoover and Al Smith had not then settled.) I studied rather closely the major denominations, fully committed to joining the one nearest the scriptures. It was finally narrowed to three: Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Baptists. I admired the refinement of the first, the non-hierarchical government of the second and the enthusiasm of the last. On the verge of deciding to go with the Congregationalists, attention was called to the case of Henry Dunster, first president of Harvard University. Because he refused to have his children "christened" (not a Bible word, though Webster says it means inter al ("to make a Christian of") tension between himself and other staff members resulted in his giving up his post. It appeared proper for him to leave rather than remain a constant source of disrupted fellowship, but it seemed equally right for him to hold to his conviction that people should be baptized only upon a confession of faith responsibly arrived at, to be followed,

not preceded, by church membership.

In that year of 1930 a major theme for pulpits and bull sessions was the inconsistency of church members, the yawning gap between profession and practice. My decision to unite with a Baptist church (asking for re-immersion) came almost simultaneously with an abiding conviction that the first (though by no means the last) step toward "clean" church membership rolls was to receive only those who give genuine evidence of personal commit-

ment to Christ. . A 300-page book with a preface of 290 pages would be a monstrosity By the same token one's initial experience with the Lord is but a beginning. The studying, growing, sacrificing, serving and possibly even suffering that follow constitute the maturing process without which the initial experience leaves the believer comparable to a twenty-one year old man with the mind of an infant. The church which evangelizes but fails to "teach them all things whatsoever" Jesus commanded is majoring on preface and ignoring the body of the book. After years its members may be as rebellious toward the lordship of Christ in elementary ethics and morals as unbelievers. It was Baptists' awareness of such things together with a sensible program of teaching and training that put the apex on the pyramid of conviction to stand with them. Now after 30 years, they do not appear so narrow, only somewhat rugged in their determination to remain "a people of the

## On Being A Baptist

By Forrest C. Feezor, Retired Executive-Secretary

Baptist General Convention of Texas

My being a Baptist is based on conviction. Therefore,
being a Baptist brings a sense of deep satisfaction, assurance

and joy.

The first eighteen years of my life were spent in an unprogressive farming community. The prevailing denominations in the community were Methodist and Baptist. The factors of distance, poor roads and our poverty prevented any Sunday School attendance. An occasional Sunday service



plus revival meetings constituted my religious privileges and opportunities.

My conversion experience came at the age of nine from the reading of a Child's Life of Christ. But a public profession of faith did not follow until seven years later. This profession took place in a Methodist "protracted meeting." My relatives and personal friends were about equally divided between the two denominations. Waiting a year, application was made for church membership. Upon my baptism I was received into the full fellowship of the Jersey Baptist church.

DOCTRINALLY, I am satisfied on being a Baptist. The doctrines held by Baptists are congenial to my beliefs. I'm under no necessity of apologizing for a single doctrine held by Baptists.

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES give me a sense of joy and satisfaction. For instance, (1) that churches are independent in their local affairs; (2) that there shall be an entire separation of church and state; (3) that religious liberty or freedom in matters of religion is an inherent right of the human soul; (4) that a church is a body of regenerated believers who have been baptized on a personal profession of faith in Christ and have associated themselves in the fellowship of the gospel; (5) that infant baptism is not only not taught in the Bible, but is fatal to the spirituality of the church; (6) that from the meaning of the word used in the Greek text of the Scriptures, the symbolism of the ordinances and the practice of the early churches, immersion in water is the only proper mode of baptism; (7) that Scriptural offices of the church are deacons and pastors; (8) that the Lord's supper and baptism are ordinances of the church to commemorate the sufferings, death and resurrection of the Savior and are not sacraments.

HISTORICALLY, I am proud to be a Baptist. History does not show Baptists persecuting others. Baptists have been the friends of religious freedom and liberty for all denominations.

ORGANIZATIONALLY, I am proud to be a Baptist.

Democratic and autonomous, each church, through independent, cooperates with 30,000 other churches. This I believe, the Cooperative Program is yet the best devised plan for supporting all of our Lord's work.

Not in any arrogant or Pharisaic sense, but with a proper humility, I am proud to be a Baptist.

### Wby I Am A Baptist

John W. Landrum, Pastor First Baptist Church, Grenada

In saying "Why I am a Baptist," there must be two definite statements: First, at a very early age I accepted Christ as my Savior, and after more than a year of counsel and guidance by Christian parents I presented myself for baptism and membership in the local church of which they were active members—a Baptist church.

After leaving college for under the close influence of the Christian home in which my life had been lived up to definite period of drifting. In consequence, my entrance into a church for any purpose than a year. After meeting a fine Christian young woman (who later became my wife), there was some real re-thinking and re-studying of my personal relationship to Christ and his Church.

his Church.

The early Christian experience was valid: I knew I had been saved. The early Christian environment had given me a secure foundation: my new dedication could be built solidly upon it. The re-thinking, re-studying, and much prayer brought the definite conviction from the Lord that the New Testament was most closely approximated by the Baptist

In summation, then, I became a Baptist (after accepting Christ as my Savior) because my parents were Baptists. That wasn't enough to keep me a Baptist. The Lord gave me definiate scripturally-founded and experience proved convictions that made me remain a Baptist.

## Wby I Am A Baptist

By Joe H. Cothen, Pastor Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson

There are several reasons why I am a Baptist. The first being that I was born into the home of a Baptist preacher and was brought up in a Baptist home, Baptist church, and a Baptist atmosphere. The normal, natural thing occurred in my life in that I made a profession of faith and was baptized in the Richton Baptist Church when I was eight years of age. During the early years of my life I remained a Baptist because I knew little else.

The second reason that I am a Baptist is because in later years I have had an opportunity to study the New Testament in the original language and in most of the better translations. In so doing I have never been able to find any teachings in the New Testament different to the basic doctrines of my denomination. It has been a gratifying experience to have grown up in a faith that is not shaken in the later years by an adult approach to the Word of God. As a preacher I can preach the whole counsel of God as found in the Word and still be loyal to the doctrines of my church.

The third reason that I am and shall remain a Baptist is because of the magnificent spirit of our Convention. My soul is thrilled at the thought of my privilege to be absolutely free in my own ministry and at the same time I can be a part of a wonderful denominational team. I can differ with my brethern and at the same time be in fellowship with them. I am happy for the privilege of having a share in a worldwide movement which we as Southern Baptist project. I believe we have a denomination second to none both in spirit and in doctrinal teachings.

## Wby I Am A Baptist

By Leon Macon, Editor of the Alabama Baptist

It is true that I was born and raised by Baptist parents.

My grandfather was a Baptist preacher so one can easily see that my background forms a natural influence over my life and my convictions.

However, I am not a Baptist solely because my people were. When I was in college I went through a period of doubt which caused me to examine all religions and other denominations. When I came out of this period of doubt I was firmly convinced Baptists were nearer right than any other group. Thus I am a Baptist by convictions.

The reason I am so convicted that Baptists are the nearest right is because I thoroughly examined our position in reference to other denominations and the Bible. The result of this examination taught me necessity of believing something instead of having the position many have that one denomination is as good as another. This position naturally causes me to appreciate Baptist doctrine. One cannot truly enjoy his religion unless he is convicted about its truths. These convictions give one a foundation and balance which not only preserve him in peace of mind but gives him an opportunity to tell others about the truth he, himself, stands upon.

I am a Baptist by conviction because in my own personal searchings I came face to face with the truth that God made man with a free will which He Himself will not coerce. This is seen in the fact that God does not force salvation on anyone nor does He coerce one who is saved to do His will. In every scriptural instance the appeal unto the lost is that they make a decision for Christ and God's dealing with the saved is always an appeal to their free wills. For instance, God has directed each one of us to choose a cross and to deliberately deny ourselves and follow Him. He directs His appeal to the free will of Christians to live sacrifically. He tells us to present our lives a living sacrifice. The element of the free will, which was in the work Jesus did for man, continues in whatever man will do for God.

Being strongly convicted about the freedoms man deserves, I discovered that this is the way God deals with man. There is no denomination which respects the free will of man more than Baptists. It is this democracy which helped convince me that Baptists in their faith and practice are the nearest to that which God intended when he established His church here on this earth.

I am also a Baptist because of the high moral standards the Baptist people believe in. Although many do not live up to these high standards, I firmly believe the moral goals of man should never be reduced so he can reach them but kept high as a constant challenge to his own moral desires.

The all-inclusive program of Baptists is appealing to me also. Baptist people have never appealed to any one class, rich or poor. Their genius which leads them to include all kinds of people in their program, is one of the finest recommendations they have to those who would want to belong to a group which has a universal interest in mankind and not an interest restricted to the poor or rich.

Then, I am a Baptist because I believe religion to be effective must, have an authority outside of the individual. Baptists cleave to the Bible as the authoritative expression of God's message to man and this satisfies my craving for certainty in the area of my beliefs. I recognize the finite nature of man and therefore realize he needs an authority from an infinite God regarding eternal matters. Beyond the finiteness of man are things he cannot discover for himself, yet he needs them, for instance the plan of salvation. To me authority for one's belief is mandatory to the individual who seeks truth in the infinite and eternal areas. Southern Baptists fully endorse the Bible as the absolute and inspired Word of God. I accept it because it satisfies and, at the same time, is most reasonable in what it teaches regarding the spiritual and moral needs of man.

I also am a Baptist because this group highly respects the individual and is against ecclesiastical figures who rule over the church. The democratic emphasis made among Baptists is more fitting to the nature of man than a system which he must bow to regardless of his own individual feelings. In an atmosphere where the individual is highly regarded, one enjoys the freedom God intended for him.

## I Am Glad To Be A Baptist

By James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

Being a Baptist is a responsibility as well as a privilege. In a hierarchial form of church government, the leadership is expected to do thinking for the masses. In the system of church administration which Baptists use, the membership is expected to think for themselves. By democratic processes the masses who constitute the membership give instructions to the leadership. Such a grass roots system throws tremendous responsibility on each individual member of every particular church. No wonder the requirement for training among Baptists is so high. Such must ever be because responsibilities are large.

Baptists put tremendous emphasis on the local congregation, immense confidence in the Bible as God's inspired Word, and implicit faith in Christ and his redeeming love. It is our conviction that Christ can save sinners regardless of their depth of depravity of their remoteness of residence. These and other basic Baptist beliefs lead us as a denomination to lay stress on each individual, to seek the will of the local congregation, an dto magnify the Bible and its teachings from pulpit and in the classroom.

By experience, these emphasis have led me to be a Baptist by deep conviction. They have given me a desire to share these beliefs with all men everywhere that they too might know what we believe and why.

# Why I Am A Baptist By Harold K. Graves, President Golden Gate Seminary

Mill Valley, California

I was born into a Baptist family. My father was not always a Baptist but became one soon after leaving his home and native state to take up residence in another area away from the influence of the home environment. He had been impressed with a business meeting being held in a country church that he came upon while hunting one Saturday afternoon in the hills of East Tennessee. A commoner, he believed in the right and necessity of every man to seek a right relation to God for himself.

A study of the New Testament in light of my home experience throughout my youth led me to a decision for Christ. The plain teaching of the New Testament concerning the need of every man for a Saviour and the power of Christ to work in each heart impressed me early in life. Further studies have verified these early impressions and have led me to a much better understanding of God's plan for me and for all who would yield to him, Soul competency is to me the distinctive note of New Testament teaching that has influenced me most in helping me to be a Baptist.

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# Books New

NATURAL SCIENCE IN 3-D by Ruth Elizabeth Gold (Pageant, \$3.00)

Is a text-activity book, written by a teacher, with an eye to giving children new insight into plant and animal life. There are many large, detailed illustrations and outlines.

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A supremely gifted storyteller slyly sneaks some lessions in living into this tale of an adventuresome mouse who made his home in the basement of a church.

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Seventeen programs based on such themes as beauty, self-control, gentleness, etc. The first twelve are presented as programs for each month of the year while the last five are supplemental. Each program includes: Thought For the Month, Hymn, Scripture, Meditative Thought, etc. There are also suggestions for the hostess. Opening chapters discuss the work of an adult class, and presents an installation service.

#### Broadman Releases Eight Paperbacks

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revealed his conception of himself and his relation to God. THE HEAVENLY GUEST, H. E. Dana \$1.00

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Forceful messages which make the most of the interest inherent in "special days." FOLLOW THOU ME, George W. Truett, \$1.50

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## Why I Am A

By John E. Barnes, Main Street Baptist Church

Originally I was a Baptist beca Baptists. I will be forever grateful for tian heritage I received from them. I influence, teaching and training tha Baptist church, after accepting C Saviour.

I am a Baptist today, however, Baptist churches are in the truest s Testament churches.

They are New Testament church trace their lineage through Christia the founder. John the Baptist was the the founder of our church.

Baptist churches are New Te polity. Their church government is independence, even as was so of the the New Testament. They are indeare interdependent. Baptist churches are New Testa

doctrine. Throughout the centuries true to the great doctrines as laid God. We follow the New Testament of salvation. This is clearly expres "For by grace are ye saved through yourselves, it is the gift of God, man should boast," We believe two ordinances, but no sacraments ordinance into church membership is always by immersion. Among taught in Romans 6:4, "Therefor him by baptism into death, that li up from the dead by the glory of also should walk in newness of li is the Lord's Supper which picture cost of our salvation. Another N precious to Baptists is that of the ment teaches that churches are c viduals voluntarily banded togethe Jesus. There is no such thing as the domination of any individual,

I am a Baptist by conviction on freedom. We believe in freedom for God for himself, without hindre others.

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Why I Am A Baptist

By John E. Barnes, Jr., Paster Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg Originally I was a Baptist because my parents were Baptists. I will be forever grateful for the wonderful Christian heritage I received from them. It was because of their

influence, teaching and training that I originally joined a Baptist church, after accepting Christ as my personal Saviour. I am a Baptist today, however, because of conviction.

Baptist churches are in the truest sense of the word New Testament churches. They are New Testament churches in origin. Baptists trace their lineage through Christian history to Christ as

the founder. John the Baptist was the forerunner and Christ the founder of our church. Baptist churches are New Testament churches in polity. Their church government is one of democracy and independence, even as was so of the churches recorded in

the New Testament. They are independent and yet they

are interdependent. Baptist churches are New Testament churches in their doctrine. Throughout the centuries Baptists have remained true to the great doctrines as laid down in the Word of God. We follow the New Testament teachings on the nature of salvation. This is clearly expressed in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast," We believe Christ gave the church two ordinances, but no sacraments. Baptism is the initial ordinance into church membership. It is symbolic and it is always by immersion. Among other scriptures, this is taught in Romans 6:4, "Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." The other doctrine is the Lord's Supper which pictures to us the tremendous cost of our salvation. Another New Testament doctrine precious to Baptists is that of the church. The New Testament teaches that churches are composed of saved individuals voluntarily banded together under the Lordship of Jesus. There is no such thing as any church being under

the domination of any individual, religious or political. I am a Baptist by conviction because of our position on freedom. We believe in freedom for everyone to search for God for himself, without hindrance or obstruction from

Because of these and other reasons which I do not have space to enumerate, I am a Baptist.

Why I Am A Baptist

By W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary Tennessee Baptist Convention

Because the New Testament is the only source of their faith. Jesus Christ is their supreme authority. He organized the church and laid down the basic principles of its life and work. Baptists seek to follow the New Testament fully in the realization of the requirements for the church and the Christian life.

Because their view of the nature and the work of the church is more nearly that of the New Testament. They believe in a regenerated membership, repentance of sin, acceptance personally of Christ's atonement as the basis for pardon, baptism by immersion as a symbol of the death of the old life and its burial and the resurrection to a new life with Christ. Churches are made up of such saved people who have united to carry out the work of Christ in the world. He is the only Head of the church. The churches are local and visible and are democratic in government with equal rights and privileges for all members. Churches are obligated to unite with other churches to carry out Christ's command to evangelize the world.

Because Baptists believe in the intrinsic value of the individual soul before God. Every soul is the object of Christ's love and concern. Each soul is competent to deal with God directly in regard to all spiritual matters and has no other Mediator than Christ. Baptists believe in the priesthood of each believer and reject all proxy religion.

Because Baptists believe in soul freedom and religious liberty for all. This is necessary to discharge the individual responsibility to God, each soul is competent and responsible. This demands a free church in a free state and the complete separation of church and state.

Because Baptists are committed to carry out the Great Commission. The churches must carry the Gospel into all the world. This demands a continuing program of evangelism and missions. Baptists have accepted this as their one great program and task which demands their best until the whole world is reached with the Gospel for His glory.

# Why I Am A Baptist

By Joe H. Tuten, Pastor First Baptist Church, Biloxi

I am a Baptist not because of convenience, or marriage, or compromise.

I am a Baptist because of conscience, and I am a Baptist because of conviction.

The lowest common denominator of all Baptists is their belief that if you place a copy of the Bible in the hand of a man, if that man wishes to do so, he can find his way to God. My conscience gives assent to this.

My conscience agrees with this historic Baptist declaration of confidence in the trustworthiness of the scripture as God's word to man.

My conscience agrees with this historic Baptist declaration of confidence in the ability of each soul to transact business with God.

Out of this area of conscience grow my convictions. My convictions are that human nature is basicly sinful, and that man's genuine usefulness and eternal happiness are dependent upon his being made a new creature; that every man holds exclusive possession to both the privileges and responsibilities of his decision in accepting or rejecting God's redemptive love; that salvation is God's work of grace, and that he who comes to God must do so in the spirit of Augustus Toplady's hymn, which says, "In my hand no price I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling."

My convictions are that saved people are forever God's children; that the redeemed are and ought to live as learners of Christ; and that Christ personally will ultimately receive them into God's eternal world of perfection, where they will be in the complete character likeness of Christ.

My convictions are that there is a personal Devil as there is a personal God; that his method is deceit and his purpose is destruction; and that those who follow him will never see the kingdom of God. These are some of the things I believe. I find them writ-

ten in the Bible. They are the things I rejoice to preach and I discover that Baptists overwhelmingly cherish these same beliefs. I am a Baptist-by conscience and convictions. Wby I Am A Baptist

By Joseph B. Underwood, Secretary of Promotion and Stewardship, Baptist Convention of New Mexico

I am a Baptist because of a personal experience with Christ as my Saviour. From experience I know that access to God is personal and direct. (Eph. 2:16).

I am a Baptist because experience, as well as internal and external evidences, has proved that the Bible is the Word of God, "quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12a) and given by inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21). On the foreign mission field I came to know many people who had been saved through the reading of the Bible, without any human being to interpret Its message to them. Their lives were so completely transformed that it is apparent that nothing but the Word of God and the regenerative power of the Holy Spirit could have wrought such a miracle. Moreover, in every instance, these people, whether few or many, who had been saved through the reading of the Bible and had continued to study its pages to know the teachings thereof, believed and practiced the same essential doctrines that Baptist Churches practice-and this long before they heard the name "Baptist" or were instructed by anyone save the Holy Spirit!

I know that the Bible is the Word of God-and, therefore, no individual or group has the right to alter or compromise its teachings in order to suit the convenience of men. Therefore, I am a Baptist.

I am a Baptist because I believe we should observe the New Testament pattern of church membership and polity. Church members must be regenerated and church polity must be democratic. The fact that all Christians are "sinners saved by grace," the privilege of equal and personal access to God through Christ, the fact of individual accountability to God, the gift of the Holy Spirit to every Christian, the affirmation of Christ Himself: "One is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8)-these Bible truths establish the indisputable equality of believers and, therefore, "the democracy of the saints." There can be no ecclesiastical hierarchy in a truly New Testament church. I am a Baptist because the Baptist churches practice these New Testament fundamentals.

I am a Baptist because I believe in religious liberty for all. God invites, appeals, persuades but never coerces the conscience or will of man. Since man is free to say "yes" or "no" even to God, it is emphatically clear that no individual, no ecclesiasticism, and no government has the right to compel the conscience or free will of any individual in matters of religion. (To use taxes in any form or degree to aid any religious institution or cause or for any religious purpose is tyranny-for it compels those of no religious beliefs and those of divergent beliefs to support, in one form or another, a religion in which they do not believe). Just as worship must be free and voluntary (or it is not worship) so must contributions to religious purposes be voluntary!

I am a Baptist because I believe that Christians (including, of course, churches and denominations) must be obedient to Christ's command to preach the gospel to all people everywhere. No Christian has a right to disobey this, or any other, command. The Cooperative Program of World Missions enables me and my church to do this more fully and perfectly than any other plan yet proposed; that is, if my church shares liberally with the World Missions program of Southern Baptists.

These are a few of the basic reasons why I am a Baptist -through convictions that are the result of a personal investigation of the Bible.

### Wby I Am A Baptist

By Paul M. Stevens, Director, Radio and Television Commission, S.B.C., Fort Worth

I owe almost all I am or have or ever will be, to the people called Baptists and to the God who has blessed their work through the centuries

In a little off-campus church in Clinton, Mississippi, I fell in love with the Lord Jesus. The student body and faculty of Mississippi College were directly responsible for providing the conditions and atmosphere in which this wonderful thing could happen to a wayward and lonely boy.

As the years have rolled by, I have been the beneficiary of Baptist life again and again and again. At Baptist colleges, I received my calling and education. At Baptist Seminaries, I received my preparatory training. At Baptist hospitals, I have received care and treatment for my family and myself. And, at Baptist churches all over the world I have found growth and development. I am a debtor to Baptists.

As they remained true to the work of God and faithful in their contention for "the faith once delivered to the saints", certain blessings have accrued to me and to millions like me:

- I was taught that in order to be saved one must have an actual experience with Christ in forgiveness of sin and conversion - and I did.

- I was taught that the first step in serving Christ after conversion was to follow Him in beautiful baptism -

- I was taught that a Baptist accepts the Bible as the Word of God, the sole authority for faith and practice - and I have.

- I was taught that as a Baptist, I would serve best when I served Christ along with my Christian fellow-Baptists. Cooperative Christian service has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

It has been a joyful, happy way to live - the rewards? Unmeasured! The peace? Passing understanding! The satisfaction? Deep and abiding! My debt? Unpayable!

# Wby I Am A Baptist

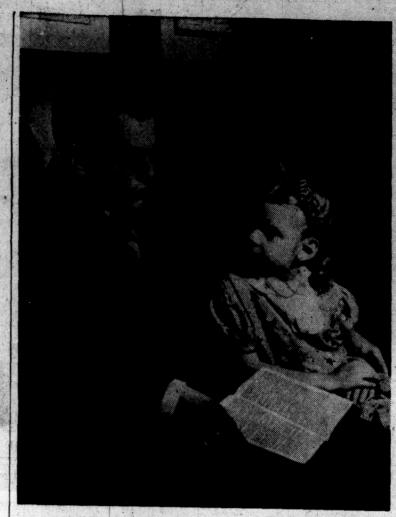
By John Jeter Hurt Retired, Minister, Editor, College President, Atlanta

I am a Baptist because my sainted Mother brought me to Jesus. She raised ten of us, but she took time for this matter herself. I was just ten, but she called me from play to sit with her on a rustic seat that memorable October afternoon

I am a Baptist because the thrill of that Thursday afternoon confession has lasted nearly eighty years. "I know Him whom I have believed." Others rode home in the big carriage, but I walked the short-cut way to enjoy myself

I am a Baptist because I love to walk the way that Jesus walked - down - under - up again - on again. That is accepted by everybody. Like a gold coin, it is good to those who question your silver and paper money when traveling abroad. There is satisfaction when one has the

I like the pure democracy of a Baptist church. When Charles Evan Hughes went to Washington to take the seat of Chief Justice of our Supreme Court, he also presented himself for membership in Calvary Baptist Church. Down another aisle came a Chinaman. The pastor said appropriately, "The ground is level at the foot of the cross." The Chief Justice turned to shake hands with the fellow



DOCTRINAL LESSON-"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine . . ." II Timothy 3:16. (Photo

recruit.

I thrill continuously at the fellowship of these millions of Baptists. Time was when in Virginia particularly they threw dozens of Baptist preachers in the county jails for preaching without consent of the State church. They suffered, yes! But they kept on. Finally won freedom for themselves, and also for everybody else. Let us keep on keeping on!

### I Am Proud To Be A Baptist

By W. A. (Slick) Green, retired pastor, Natchez

I like all denominations; I love some of them; but I am a fool about Baptists. The Negroes have a song, "I am a Baptist born and a Baptist bred, and when I am gone, there will be a Baptist dead." It is time that Baptists began glorying in the fact that we are Baptist. I give a few reasons why I am proud to be a Baptist.

I am proud to be a Baptist because of the head of the church - Jesus Christ. "And He is the head of the body, the church: .... that in all things He might have the preeminence". (Col. 1:18). Our head is now in heaven, No living or dead man can claim to be head of a Baptist church. Jesus did not delegate to anyone the authority to be head of the church. He, and He alone, is the "head of the body, the church."

I am proud to be a Baptist because we are not Protestants. Many of the churches trace their history back to the day when they came out of the Roman Catholic church. Thank God for the day when Martin Luther took his stand and started the reformation. However, you can mark this old retired preacher's word, that the Protestant churches are now beginning a move to get together and will soon. do so. Then the next step will be a move to return to Rome. As a result of this move Baptists now have their greatest opportunity to lift up Christ, and Christ alone, as the head of the church, and the only one that can and will "save unto the uttermost" them that "come unto God by Him". (Heb. 7:25). We have never protested against anybody worshipping as he pleases. We believe in the separation of church and state and will lead the fight for it until Jesus calls us home. Our country is worth fighting for. Our faith is worth fighting for.

Forty years ago I heard Dr. Lee Scarborough say, in fact, he rared back and said, "Baptists are an autonomous body". We were in Mississippi College and I asked the boy next to me, "What does that big word mean?" He answered, "I don't know either". I went to the dictionary and found the definition, "The power, right or condition of self government". I said to myself, "I am autonomous too". I am proud to be a Baptist because we believe in each member having a voice in the affairs of the church.

I am proud to be a Baptist because Baptists are growing. I heard a missionary from Brazil say, "Eighty years ago one Baptist and his wife went to Brazil as missionaries. Now there are over 1500 churches and 160,000 members in Brazil. Baptists are growing in foreign lands. Baptists are growing in America. A few years ago a young man from Natchez went as a missionary of the Home Mission Board to Grand Forks, N. D. Today there are five Southern Baptist missions in the area around the field where he serves. Thirty years ago Adams County, Miss., had one Baptist church; today there are fifteen. Baptists are growing every-

We have great preachers, great schools and a great organization. As a retired preacher I feel that one of our most urgent needs is people who are great in prayer. There is much concern just now about conditions among Southern Baptists. The solution to these problems will be found on our knees. After forty-four years in the ministry I have never failed to find a solution to any problem about which I prayed. I am proud of the people called Baptists because they believe in prayer.

## I Am Proud To Be A Baptist

By J. H. Kyzar, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Greenwood

I am proud of a lot of things, but I am doubly proud to be a Baptist. I became a Baptist first of all because the only church in our community was a Baptist church. So when I trusted Christ I united with that church. However as I grew older I did some studying, investigating. and weighing of facts for myself, and so came to be a Baptist because of conviction.

In this brief statement let me share with you some of the reasons why I am proud to be a Baptist, and that without discussing them at length.

I am proud to be a Baptist because of who the Baptists are. Their origin cannot be located this side of the New Testament churches. Maybe their succession cannot be traced step by step without interruption, but historians are agreed that the characteristics of New Testament Christians and of the Baptists are the same. Dr. M. O. Patterson used to say to his classes, "If a grey horse strays from his owner's barnyard you do not have to track him step by step to know that it is the same grey horse when you (Continued on Page 6)

# DR. SADLER TO TEACH

AT BAYLOR

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Thursday, January 19, 1961

Dr. George W. Sadler, dis-tinguished theologian and Southern Baptist denominational leader for almost half a century, will join the faculty of Baylor University as Visiting Professor of Religion for the 1961 spring semester, Dr. H. F. Peacock Religion department chairman, announces.

Dr. Sadler has been associated with the work of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for 46 years, and has crossed the Atlantic Ocean 44 times on Baptist Mission Eusiness.

He was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1914 to serve as a missionary to Nigeria, West Africa.

During World War I, he served with the U.S. Army in France, first as an enlisted man and later as a chaplain. He returned to Nigeria in 19-20 as head of the Baptist Col-

lege and Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho, where he remained until 1932 In 1939 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board asked him to become its secretary for Africa, Europe, and the

Near East, a position he held

for almost 20 years. Last fall Dr. and Mrs. Sadler attended Nigerian independence celebrations where, as guests of the Nigerian government, they and other former missionaries were henored for their contribution to the country's development and preparation for self-government. Dr. Sadler has taught many of Nigeria's present governmental

# Stewardship **Body Inaugurates**

NASHVILLE - (BP) - The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention began the New Year as the 'b a b y'' of denominational agencies.

In informal ceremonies here. Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the S B C Executive Committee, gave the commission a check for \$75,000 to launch its work.

Executive Director Merrill D. Moore of Nashville will lead the agency. Prior to Dec. 31. 1960 stewardship was a dunction of the Executive Committee with Moore as Secretary of Stewardship Promotion. Moore had served for over 12 years with the executive committee in this field. (He is a native Mississippian.)

The new agency was created by votes of the S B C in 1959 and 1960. It will work with Cooperative Program promotion, with the Forward Program of Church Finance, and in encourgaing Baptists to remember Baptist work in their

#### Calendar of Prayer

January 23 - Harold St. Gemme, Baptist Student Director. Non-Baptist Colleges, Jackson; James Harris Cauble. Mississippi College staff. January 24 - Roy Raddin,

Holmes Associational Sunday School superintendent; J. V. McCrory, William Carey College faculty. January 25 - Mrs. Vernon May,

Winston associational WMU president; Mrs. Lee T. Crawford, Alcorn associational WMU president. January 26 - Horace Alexan-

der, Panola associational Training Union director; William D. Longest, Blue Mountain faculty.

January 27 - Andrew Clark, Baptist Building; Joe Haynes, Baptist Building; E. L. Howell. Baptist Building; Mrs. Frank Williamson, Baptist Building.

January 28 — V. P. Shivers, Lawrence associational Brotherhood president; E. C. Farr, Noxubee associational clerk. anuary 29 - Walter L. Blain, Wayne associational missionary; James E. Joslin, Panola associational missionary.

# Let's Keep The 1961 Record Straight

Temperance Work

As we look back over the year just past, and some few years immediately preceding the past year, we observe some very strange sayings and happenings concerning the many facets of the alcohol problem. Many of the sayings are biased, only a germ of truth.

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It has been often quoted that help and relief come to states and municipalities from liquor tax, but this has been done and appraise the facts. Where

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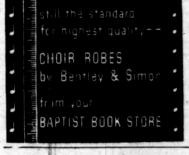
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By C. M. Day, Director of | such surveys have been made, proof is very abundant to the contrary.

Massachusetts Survey

For example, a survey by the State of Massachusetts reveals that tax receipts from the sale of legal liquor are only one-fourth of the cost expended in law enforcement and some untrue and some with administration resulting from liquor traffic. California states It can always be said that that it costs the people of that any favorable comment toward state seven and one-half dolliquor and its benefits comes lars for every dollar received in liquor revenue.

Florida reports that it costs vary, some from the stand- the state three and one-half point of tax relief, others for dollars for every one dollar collected in revenue, and Ohio places its cost at several times its gain.

Before we listen to the siren songs of the propagandists about the advantages of liquor, oftentimes by hidden motives let's adjudge facts found by and interests, and without a states which have legal liquor servey being made to find out and which have made factual surveys, and in addition to these facts let's consider others which perhaps are eyen more worthy than the consideration of the tax issue.

The actual loss reported by these states does not consider that 55% of deaths on highways and elsewhere are caused by liquor, that 59% of all crime can be blamed on liquor, and that at least one third of all broken homes are due to liquor.

#### Two Mississippians Write For Training Union Publications

NASHVILLE, Tenn. 8 (BS-SB) — Two Mississippians first quarter, 1961, issues of Southern Baptist Training Union publications. They are:

Dr. B. F. Smith, chairman of the division of religion and dad or a friend. Mail \$1.00 to philosophy, Carey College, Hattiesburg, who has written young people's programs; and Mrs. Chester L. Quarles, primary leader in Jackson's Ridgecrest Baptist Church, who has written primary programs.

Some 63 persons in 14 states were assigned the task of preparing Training Union curriculum materials during the current quarter. The Baptist writers work under the direction of Baptist editors employed by the Board.

# Succumbs To Heart Attack

forty-six year old theological student, David Hollin Stockstill, Sr., suffered a heart attack and died shortly after noon Thursday while attending class at New Orleans seminary.

Mr. Stockstill, a native of Picayune, Miss. was a first year student in the School of Theology of the seminary. He was stricken about a year ago with an attack and had been under a doctor's care.

A twin brother, Hollis D. Stockstill, suffered a heart attack and died in September,

Before entering the ministry, Mr. Stockstill was engaged in the construction business and served as a building superintendent in New Orleans.

Mr. Stockstill served as pastor of the Mount Olive Raptist Church, Bogalusa, La.; Live Oak Baptist Church, Covington, La., and the Cedar Point Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis,

Resided In Picayune

While attending class at the seminary he lived with a sister, Mrs. Eddie Moore, New Orleans. He resided in Picayune where he taught a men's Sunday School class at the New

Palestine Baptist Church. Mr. Stockstill is survived by his widow, the former Miss vid Hollin and Steven Ray; Tear put this ad and mail it one daughter, Glenda Dianne; today with your name, address his mother, Mrs. Annie Watts came to me, "Liquor is my and year of birth to Old Stockstill, and five brothers: American Insurance Co., 4900 Julius, Zelius, Herman, Henry,



PARTICIPANTS in the dedication and formal opening of the Hinds Baptist Negro Center, Jackson, are shown above, left to right: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions, Hinds Association; Dr. W. P. Davis, State Secretary, Department of Negro Work; Dr. Guy Bellamy, Secretary, Negro Work Department, Home Mission Board; Mrs. Wilburn Buckley, Chairman. Board of Control; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, First Church, Jackson; Dr. Victor Glass, Associate Secretary, Department of Work with National Baptists, Home Mission Board.



have written programs for the HINDS BAPTIST CENTER-On January 8-9, the new Hinds Baptist Negro Center, formerly known as "The Children's Nook," was dedicated and formally opened. The new building, pictured above, is located at 232 East Bell Street, Jackson.

# Hinds Baptist Center Officially Opens

care for Negro children, nur- \$12,500 had been previously the churches of Hinds Associsery and kindergarten ages) contributed by Hinds County ation, in an effort to complete opened on January 8 and 9.

Located at 232 East Bell. Jackson, the Center is sponsored by the Hinds County Baptist Association, Dr. J Clark Hensley, Superintendent of Missions, and by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through the David Stockstill Baptist Convention through the Department of Negro Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Wm. P. Davis, Sec-

The building is owned by Hinds County Baptist Association, Inc., T. Cooper Walton, Moderator, and Mrs. Wilburn NEW ORLEANS, La. - A Buckley, Chairman of the Board of Control.

Dr. Clark Hensley presided January 8. Mrs. Wilburn Buckley made the presentation of istration. the building, and Dr. Wm. P. Davis was in charge of the dedication. Dr. Douglas Hudgins led the dedicatory prayer. special message. (Dr. Victor Glass brought the special message on January 9.)

Baptist Center amounted to Topics of interest to be dis- Worth 15.

The new Hinds Baptist Negro | \$65,000. Of this, \$25,000 was | and its equipment.

Center (formerly known as paid for by the Annie Arm- January 22 has been desig-'The Children's Nook," which strong Offering, \$24,000 was nated as Hinds Baptist Center was organized to provide day financed by Hinds County, and Day, with a \$3,500 goal set for to finish paying for the Center the new building.

### **Church Administration Conference** To Convene At Southwestern

inary Mar. 6-8.

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# W. M. U. Department



train was clipping long the track. Coming from the front of the coach, a large man with employment, and broken health wreck. ruddy complexion took the seat to both father and mother, afby me. After a few minutes, I asked. "What is your work?" Without hesitation he replied, "Liquor is my business." After he left the train, I continued to think about what he had my loved ones and to me. It Please don't tell me that liquor said. Suddenly, the thought

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Where is one who will conbusiness? I could have continued by telling him that a drinking driver hit a near relative of mine, taking his life. would not have taken long to should not concern me. In adrelate how a drinking hit-and- dition I could have said to my run-driver roared past me from seat mate that liquor is my behind on the highway, his business because of what it

# Texas Men Call For Sunday Observance

Baptist Brotherhood Department to Texas pastors and laymen have urged Baptist businessmen to close their stores on Sunday.

The letters stated that "the increasing number of business establishments remaining open on Sundays will definitely decrease spiritual interests and weaken the moral standards of our nation.

Signed by L. H. Tapscott, Department of the Baptist Gencommittee. The letters requested that close on Sundays.

DALLAS -(BP) -- More than the presidents of Brotherhood 3,200 letters from the Texas organizations in some 2,300 Baptist churches across the state confer with their pastors about the matter and to "do whatever seems wise and practical to call attention to Sunday observances among the people of your community.

Suggestions made

Several suggestions endorsed by the State Brotherhood Executive Committee were listed in the letter, including proposals secretary of the Brotherhood for men who own their own businesses to close their stores eral Convention of Texas, the on Sundays, for others to eat letters were sent in response at home on Sundays, to buy to a request by the Texas Bap- gasoline, groceries, etc., on tist Brotherhood executive other days of the week, and to trade with merchants who

On Being Baptist - - -

(Continued from Page 5) find him." There is trustworthy evidence enough to satisfy me, and to make me justly proud to be one of such a

group. I am proud to be a Baptist because Baptists believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and therefore is completely sufficient as the only necessary guide in all faith and practice. Sufficient without the aid of creed, decree, or any explanation except that of the Holy Spirit. I have heard Dr. A. T. Robertson say half facetiously, "Give a man anew heart and a New Testament, and he will become a Baptist." There is one living in Mississippi now who was converted with no help but the New Testament and the Holy Spirit to guide him, who exclaimed when he learned what Baptists believe, "You Baptists believe like I do!" The Bible is both trustworthy and sufficient and I am proud to be one of those who believe that it is.

I am proud to be a Baptist because Baptists believe that every soul is capable of dealing with God directly for himself without the aid of any "middle man," or gobetween. Some of us heard Dr. John R. Sampey say repeatedly, "Every soul is capable of doing business with God for himself." This means soul liberty indeed, and is perhaps the most distinctive characteristic of Baptists. It means freedom to choose, freedom in reading and interpreting the Bible, freedom to trust Christ or not, to worship or not, to serve Him or not. "For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself man, Christ Jesus." Christ then is man's way to God, and God's way to man, and no other go-between is needed.

I am proud to be a Baptist further because they are a democratic people. Each member of a Baptist church is equal to every other member so far as voice and vote are concerned in planning and determining the plans and work of the church of which they are a part. There is no recognized head of a Baptist church except Christ, and no one to guide its affairs except the Holy Spirit. This means much to me, and I am proud to be a part of such a democratic fellowship.

These are only some of the reasons why I am proud to be a Baptist; I could give others, but why multiply them? Let it be enough to say I am indeed proud to be a Baptist.

# State Evangelistic Conference

### **GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY** February 6-8

Those desiring to stay at Gulfshore should write now for reservations to Arthur L. Nelson, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, Pass Christian, Miss. Rates are listed below:

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> And as Jesus walked along the Samaritan highway, the hour of high noon drew apace. the well they stopped. Jesus race, of gross- at the well to rest, having been wearied by the long walk of the morning in the heat of the who had lived Samaritan sun. While He was resting and His students were absent came this woman of Samaria to draw her daily supply of water from the well.

> > AND WHAT FOLLOWED. "Give Me to drink" John 4:7). This request of the Lord, I make no doubt, was made to open conversation, and it affected just that, for the woman shot back, "How is it that thou, a Jew askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan wo-

Jesus said to her, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to you, 'Give me to drink', you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living

This statement of our Lord contains all the gospel. The woman was ignorant, and that

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upper town." There, now! Ras of her sin. And Our Lord's cial prejudice has not all died reply to that confession led to her effort to change the sub-

"I see that you are a prophet. You Jews say I must go to the temple at Jerusalem, if I The group at that hour reached the town well, at the foot of the hill on which the little here on Mt. Gerazim. Who is right?"

There comes the time when neither here nor there alone but everywhere, for "God is Spirit", in all places high and low, nigh and distant, and those who worship Him, must worship, not in formality, ceremonial and pretense, but in spirit, in sincerity, and in reality.

III. IMMEDIATE RESULT. "Come see a man that told II. THE LORD'S REQUEST me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4: 29). She had run back up into town, and had spoken these words to men who knew her and the shameful story of her life, but something new in her manner, earnestness, eagerness led the men to whom she spoke to follow her down the hill to Jesus. As He spoke to them in this first meeting, many accepted His word in early belief, and they offered Him a fervent invitation to stay with them for a season, and give them further teach-

Isn't that fine? Those despised people treated better than His own people had treated Him. These Samaritans is the trouble with the world. loved the truth and wanted a larger portion of it. The Lord 1. That salvation is a gift, longs for that sort of earnest-The gift of God which no ness upon the part of those price can buy, which no virtue | who hear Him. He wants to be guest in your home, and He 2. That this inestimable gift will be head of your house, 3. That, this priceless gift and your home will be blest by His presence.

When the men of Sychar heard of Him at the mouth of The woman's response was the woman, they believed instant. "Give me this water enough to follow her down the so I won't have to come here hill to Jesus, but now after the two days they believed be-His response, "Call your hus- cause of what they themselves band and come here". This had heard. Thus always with

# New Orleans Seminary Begins **Construction of New Apartments**

the campus of New Orleans she could retire. Baptist Theological Seminary.

Named Willingham Manor in honor of Dr. R. J. Willingham, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1893-1914, the threeand masonry construction and will be built at a cost of about

Priority for the first floor building was sparked when ad- be increased to over 300.

NEW ORLEANS, La. - Con- ministrative officers of the struction of a 35-unit apart- seminary received a letter ment building for married stu- from- an elderly missionary dents and retired and furlough- who was to leave the mission ed missionaries is underway on field without a home in which

Interest in the project heightened with several sizeable sums immediately contributed to the fund. With gifts for the project being received daily it is the hope of the semstoried building will be all steel | inary that the complete amount will be subscribed by the time the building is completed August 15, 1961.

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#### Associational Officers Leadership Clinic A Success

54 of the 76 associations were present for the first state-wide Associational Officers Leadership Clinic held in Jackson last week. A total of 169 registere for the Training Union Conference with about 500 total including the Sunday School and Music Officers.

For the Training Union Conference 88 General Officers registered, 11 Adult workers, 7 Young People's workers, 8 Intermediate workers, 13 Junior workers, 14 Primary workers, 7 Beginner workers, 5 Nursery workers, 10 from the

Nashville and 6 visitors.

Training Union Officers from officers can properly evaluate the effectiveness of the associational program of work.

From the viewpoint of the personnel in the Mississippi and Nashville Training Union Departments, the response was excellent and the program was very helpful. The day is upon us when Southern Baptists w'll utilize the associational approach to reach the churches with an ever enlarging and effective program. Associational Officers are in a unique position to lead in a program of work in every church.

The Training Union Depart-Training Union Department in ment is grateful to every of-The purpose of the meeting these officers had to leave sometimes has a point there! Church Music Department, Baptend this festival. A Sacred Conwas to offer added training their work at home. Some of opportunities to the Associathem had to take off from tional Officers and to serve as a their jobs and come. We hope doesn't mean a thing if you The music to be used is avail- between 3:30 and 4:30 in the afcheck-up meeting so that the it was worthwhile for them.

# Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

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HONOR COMMISSION—The Stewardship Commission was honored at an informal reception in Nashville as it began the New Year as a new agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Kay Anderson, right, secretary to Porter Routh, pours coffee for Merrill D. Moore, left, and Mrs. Moore. Moore is executive-director of the new commission. Routh is executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, of which stewardship promotion formerly was a part. The new agency is located in Nashville-



Edward G. Prather

# Calvary, Tupelo ing abstainers' pledge:

Calvary Church, Tupelo, Rev. the use of alcohol as a bever-W. L. Day, pastor, has called age, obeying Mississippi's proas Minister of Education Ed- hibition law. I pledge myself ward G. Prather.

Prather graduated from Union prohibition law. This stand I University, Jackson, Tennessee am willing to make known and and attended Southern Semi- will give one dollar to help denary for a year and a half. For feat the liquor traffic in Misseveral years he served as pas- sissippi (publicity, literature. tor of churches in Tennessee. In stamps, etc.)" 1958 he felt that the Lord was Rev. Earl F. Paderewski is the calling him into the field of re- pastor. ligious education and became Minister of Education at Boulevard Church, Memphis, where he has been until the present time.

Mrs. Prather is the former Jean Carolyn Perryman of Kenton, Tennessee. The couple have two children, Pamela Jean, five, and Philip, two.

In Tennessee, Mr. Prather 2 tion; as secretary of the Shel- Freshman Class and sponsors.

# New Pleasantdale 100 Per Cent At 'M'

New Pleasantdale Church, Neshoba County Association, was one of the two churches tieing for the attendance banner on "M" Night at First are interested in attending this Church, Philadelphia.

# Lena Church Votes To Fight

Liquor Traffic The deacons of Lena Church drew up a resolution, which the church adopted, emphasizing the owner didn't have any the importance of standing behind Mississippi's prohibition law, and the importance of each member's total abstinence from the use and traffic of alcoholic beverages.

The church plans to appoint a Temperance Committee of three, who will be responsible for the distribution of literature on the evils of alcohol, and for Joins Staff At the encouragement of individuals in the church (and other individuals) to sign the follow-

"I will not use or assist in to stand against the alcohol beverage traffic. I, as a voter, Born at Indianola, Mississippi, am for retaining Mississippi's

#### **BMC** Announces Official High School Week End

Miss Mary Nell Richey, New Albany, President of the Freshman Class of Blue Mountain College, announces that the dates for the College's official served as Regional Vice-Presi- High School Week End are dent of the Tennessee State Friday, February 10 through Religious Education Associa- Sunday, February 12. The by County Baptist Associational Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Guyton, Brotherhood; and as group members of the College Adminsuperintendent in the Shelby istrative Staff, will be hosts to County Baptist Sunday School, high school junior and senior girls from many sections of Mississippi and all areas of the Mid-South.

The special Week End will include parties, campus tours. freshman feature skits "Our Night Meeting Town", senior speech production, by Miss Peggy Booth, Memphis, and many other features of entertainment for the guests.

High School students who important feature program of Pleasantdale - had 100 per the current session, may send cent of its enrolment present. their names to Miss Mary Nell David Myers is the Training Richey or to Mr. and Mrs. D. Union director and Rev. R. W. H. Guyton, Blue Mountain College, by February 3.

#### Music Department W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

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YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL Registration cards for the Youth Choir Festival, February are asked to use one of the 4 and the Junior Choir Festivals numbers on the concert list, if to follow along with registra- at all possible. Professor and tion cards for Hymn Playing Mrs. Donald Winters of Wilwere mailed out this week from liam Carey College along with the Music Department. We need Mr. Reynolds will serve as these registration cards with judges between 9:00 and 10:00 the necessary information re- a. m. for all adjudications. Try garding the attendance and to have your choir present at plates requested in the College 9:00 to keep the program on Cafeteria at 75c per plate. schedule.

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"Oh, yes, everything's fine. Of course, she can't stand her husband - but then, isn't there always something?'

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MAN - "You're certainly an honest lad. But look. It was a \$10 bill I dropped - not ten \$1 bills."

BOY - "I know, mister. But the last time I found a bill change:

FOND Mother: Tell me, Professor, do you detect any sign of genius in my son?

Professor: Madam, I am not

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## TOWN AND COUNTRY LEADERS MEET AT STATE UNIVERSITY

tute for Town and Country years. Church Leaders held at Mississippi State University January 9-11, featured Rev. James W. Sells of Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Sells spoke on "Smokestacks and Steeples," the theme of the institute this year.

Dr. Sells is executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of the Methodist Church.

been rural church editor of tist Association, Pastor H. C. Christ, the Word of God, and "The Progressive Farmer." Be- Au-Yeung, general secretary, the power of the Holy Spirit. fore moving to Atlanta 15 years A total of 2,185 persons pro- Robert E. Beaty, missionary

The thirteenth annual Insti- dist pastor in Mississippi for 20 in the ten districts into which

# HONG KONG - (BWA) -

Saved by His power divine," rejoiced 4,000 persons in song at the closing rally of the recent evangelistic crusade con-For the past 15 years, he has ducted by the Hong Kong Bapyears ago, he had been a Metho- fessed faith in Christ during to Southern Rhodesia.

The crusade opened and

the two weeks.

closed with mass rallies, each drawing more than 4,000 persons. For the two intervening weeks churches sponsored services in selected locations with-Hong Kong was divided and in neighboring Macao. Special 2,185 Converted meetings were also held in the Hong Kong Baptist College. In Hong Kong Aggregate attendance reached more than 30,000.

> We have all the opposition to the work of our Lord by the world, the flesh, and the devil; but we also have all the promises of the presence of

#### -DEVOTIONAL

# If Ye Keep My Commandments'

By Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary, Cooperative Missions Department

How can we know that we know Christ? We are assured that we know Christ if we keep His commandments. In John 2:3 we read: "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." In the nine-

teenth verse of the same chapter we are told: "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." Thus, according to this passage any person who knows Christ will strive to obey Him. We also find that Paul spoke of the constraining power of the love of Christ. The commandments of Christ have to do with many areas of life.

Love For The Father

He spoke of love. He expects His children to love the Father with all their being. Every day of our lives should be lived in such a way that the world would know that we love God.

He also expects His children to love one another. "This is my commandment, That ye love one another as I have loved you." - John 15: 12. To some degree in every church and to a large degree in some churches, love among the membership is lacking. Jesus spoke more about His disciples loving one another than He did about their loving the world. Jesus knew that if His disciples sincerely loved each other the world would be attracted to them.

#### Love For Neighbors

Another area of love includes love for our neighbors. In this day of transition from country to city and agriculture to industrialization, we must never forget to love our neighbors. Only God knows how many people in our state die physically and spiritually each year simply because we fail to heed the command of Jesus to love our neighbors. The early church met in homes to worship. A program called "Family Fellowship" is being promoted and it seems to be very similar to the early church worship services and would contribute to neighborly love.

#### Love For The World

Jesus has a great deal to say to His disciples about missions, as in Matt. 28: 19-20, Acts 1: 8 and others. He knew that the individual or institution that thinks only of its immediate surroundings will never grow. A few months ago a good deacon told me that his church could find a place to use the 40% of his church's total budget, which goes to the Cooperative Program, but his church would dry up. This man knew the truth about missions. Many blessings of God are withheld from churches and individuals simply because they cannot see a need beyond their immediate community. The Dead Sea near Jerusalem receives water from several sources, but there is no outlet for the water except through evaporation. Is it any wonder that no living organisms are found there? So a church or individual who receives but never disburses is lifeless.

**Tippah County Schedules First** 



Rev. Eugene L. Roberts

#### D'LO CALLS **NEW PASTOR**

Rev. Eugene L. Roberts assumed the pastorate of D'Lo Church on Sunday, January 1.

The new pastor came to D'Lo from Arrowood Church, Meridian, and has also held pastorates at Suttle, Ala., Uniontown, Ala., and Louise, Tex. He is an experienced evangelistic singer. He was born in Birmingham and was reared in Jefferson County, Ala., where he attended elementary and high school.

His education includes two years at Clark College, an A. B. degree from Mississippi College, a B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary, and one year graduate work.

Mrs. Roberts, the former Willie Mae Malitz, is a native of Sealy, Texas, and has resided in Houston and Galveston where she attended school. She has had two years training at New Orleans Seminary.

They have three children, Ruth, 11 years old, Leonard, 8, and David, 5.

sion programs totaling \$800,-Orphans Home here, largest pletely paid for. institution of its kind in the world, will get a \$200,000 field was added at Briar Hill. tion, plus a new dormitory.

# Plans Laid For **Alcohol Studies**

Final plans are being made for the community-wide School of Alcohol Studies to be held in Greenwood February 20 -February 23, Mrs. Bobby Baker, Chairman of the Planning Committee, announced.

Rev. James S. Conner is Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education, which will sponsor the school.

The school will meet for two fifty-minute periods each of four nights, Feb. 20-23, and will feature the use of films, charts, recent literature, and open discussion within the group itself.

MENDENHALL

Plans are underway to hold a community-wide School of Alcohol Studies in Mendenhall. Details were announced by Mrs. James W. Holston, Chairman of the Planning Commit-

The School; to be sponsored by the Mendenhall PTA, Mendenhall Baptist Church, Mendenhall Methodist Church, Mendenhall Lions Club, the Modern Day Club, the Mendenhall Jaycees, the D'Lo Methodist Church and other interested groups in D'Lo will be held in Mendenhall Monday night through Thursday night, the week of February 27 thru March 2.

#### BRIAR HILL TO DEDICATE **NEW ANNEX**

On January 29, at 2:30 p. m. Briar Hill Church in Rankin County will hold special dedication services for their new educational annex, which was completed in December, 1960.

The new building contains a DALLAS - (BP) - Expan- recreation hall, kitchenette, two restrooms, and, upstairs, 000 have been approved for there are three Sunday School four branches of Buckner Be- rooms. The building is fully nevolences by the Buckner equipped, and both the build-Board of Trustees. Buckner ing and equipment are com-. Last year a new baptistry

house and other facilities for Rev. Benton Preston is in recreaton and physical educa- his third year as pastor of the

# First, Booneville

On Sunday afternoon January 8. First Church, Boone ville ordained six deacons: Kimble Bolen, Sr., J. E. Deaton, Lex Houston, Hubert McDaniel, Harold Prichard and

**Ordains Deacons** 

Carmon Walden. Rev. D. L. Hill, Corinth, preached the ordination sermon; T. F. Grubbs gave the To Graduate charge to the deacons; Rev.

Ollie Bryant gave the charge to the church; Rev. Bob Hunt At Southern led the ordination prayer.

### Byram Church Ordains Preachér

Rev. William Patrick was during graduation exercises on ordained to the Gospel Ministry January 8 by Byram Church. states will be presented their

The pastor, Rev. Henry Bennett, brought the ordination Theology, Church Music, and message. O'Neil Giles prayed the ordination prayer, and Finley Evans presented the Bible. Doctor of Theology degrees; Rev. Patrick will serve the Thornhill Church, Rankin County.



### Church Council Holds Meeting

Rev. J. Melvin Jones, Pastor of First Methodist Church, Gulfport, was reelected President of the Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education at its fourteenth Annual Meeting, held Thursday, January 5, at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church in Jackson.

Major features of the one-day meeting included an address on "The Church's Role in the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism" by Dr. E. A. Verdery, Chaplain of the Georgia a report from the Committee on Finance and Budget, Rev. Carey Cox, Chairman.



Rev. Lee Hudson

# Arrowood

Rev. Lee Hudson resigned Immanuel Church, Columbus, effective January 15, to become pastor of Arrowood Church, Meridian.

"It has been my joy to see way these 4 years and 5 months while being the pastor of this splendid Church, Im- Rev. Burgos and his daughter, manuel. All the good things an artist,-stained the windows. that have been done have been Rev. Burgos' son, David, a stu-His doings and it was glorious dent in Shelby High School. hearts, and certainly we give istry. Him the praise and honor for what has been accomplished," says Rev. Hudson.



Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, and OFFICERS ELECTED TO SERVE the Ministerial Association of Clarke College, for the year 1961 were presented at a recent dents, Training Union Directbanquet which was held in the college dining hall. Reading left ors, Brotherhood Presidents, to right the men named are William T. Webb, Macclesfield, N. C., Song Leaders, and Church President: Winfred Ray Hill, Meridian, Secretary; Roy Marshall, Clerks and Treasurers. Corinth, Vice-Pres.; Seth W. Mitchell, Eupora, and Charles Martin, Selma, Ala., Directors of the Jail Mission; William W. Wyrick, Jr., Selma, Ala., Chairman of Benevolent Committee; Robert Howard, Pascagoula, Chairman of Program Committee. Not shown in picture are Louis Scott, Spring Hill, Ala., Treasurer, and William Wimbs, Saltillo, song leader.

#### **Mexican Mission Dedicated**

serves the Mexicans who live dedicatory sermon. in the Delta area.

Buck Ming, deacon of First Church, Shelby, and son of a charter member, donated the land for the mission. The Mexicans joined with laymen from Accepts Bolivar and Sunflower Association in building the church, A. H. Hardy, deacon of First Church, Shelby built and donated the altar. A Cleveland church, Providence, gave the seats. J. R. McKinney, local welding shop owner-operator, connected the lines for the gas heating system. Mrs. Charles Gladden, sister of Mr. Ming, the Lord work in a marvelous and an artist, painted and gave the replica painting of the Head of Christ for the sanctuary.

The Baptist Mexican Mission, by, First Church, were on the Shelby, Bolivar County, was dedication program, together dedicated Sunday afternoon De- with Bro. Burgos and Rev. Leon cember 11, 1960. Rev. Benjamin Emery, Supt. of Missions of Burgos is pastor. The mission Boliver Co., who preached the

Memorial donations have been made through the Shelby Church for the building fund, and the Bolivar County Association has given monthly donations. Shelby Church and Providence Church continue to include the Mexican Mission in

The choir, robed in white, sang hymns in Spanish. Rev. Burgos broadcasts a Spanish sermon each Sunday over a to accept the newly created Tarrant (Fort Worth) Associradio station at Cleveland. The Sunday school lessons are obtained through the El Paso publishing house, which is supported by Southern Baptists.

nishes toys and candy for a Tex. Christmas tree at the Mission. This year, the Committee was gos, who held the Christmas Home Mission Board and with composed of Mrs. W. A. Doo- tree program on Christmas the Training Union department and wonderful to our eyes and hopes to prepare for the min- little and Mrs. A. H. Hardy, and Eve. Two Baptist laymen, M. of the Texas Baptist Conven-Bradley Pope, pastor of Shel- nuts, toys, fruit to Rev. Bur- the packages.

Each Christmas, the W. M. S.



ily life curriculum in the Sun-Life Department. Before going Washington. to Eastland Church in February he had served churches in of Shelby, First Church fur- Columbus and Grand Prairie,

### Associational Evangelism Clinic Tippah County Baptists have K. Phillips, Walnut, who has

Tippah County Baptists are

scheduled for the first time an just become the new joint As Associational Evangelistic Cli- sociational Missionary for Ben nic, to be held next Monday ton and Tippah Associations. night, January 23, at Lowery Memorial Church, Blue Moun- laying plans for an extensive tain, at 7:00 P.M.

in the church's evangelistic program: Pastors, Deacons, Sunday School Superinten-

The inspirational speaker of the evening will be Rev. Harry

county-wide Baptist Simultan-Special conferences will be eous Revival Crusade, April held for each of the following 2-16. Every Baptist church in groups to, discuss their place the county is being encouraged to schedule a Spring Revival for either or both of those weeks in April. Plans include county-wide publicity for the "Baptist Revivals" and a series of fellowship breakfast clinics for pastors and evangelists during the revivals, reports Rev. Norman S. Deaton, Chairman of Evangelism for the Association, and pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church.

# EAST CORINTH CALLS PASTOR

East Corinth Church, Corinth has extended a call to Rev. John M. Wilkes, Hornsby, Tennessee, to become its pastor effective January 22.

Since 1958 pastor of Horns by's First Baptist Church, Wilkes is a graduate of Midwestern University and of Southwestern Seminary, where he was named recipient of the 1955 Ross Award given by the R: E. degree. Department of Evangelism. He ROBERT A. WATTS, a native also has served as Youth Diof Marshall, Tex., resigned as rector at Tate Springs Church, minister of education at Nash- Arlington, Texas; director of ville's Eastland Baptist Church drama and recreation for the position of co-ordinator of fam- ational Youth Encampment: and as a student Home Misday School Board's Family sion Board worker in Oregon-

> He is married to the former Doylene Currin of Kilgore, Texas. Mrs. Wilkes, a graduate of Baylor and Southwestern Seminary, has served with the



Seminary

#### Southern Seminary, Louisville, will award 115 degrees January 24. Students from 22

degrees from the Schools of

Included on the list are nine nine Master of Theology; 15 Master of Religious Education; one Diploma of Religious Education; six Bachelor of Sacred Music; eight Bachelor of Church Music; two Bachelor of Theology; 65 Bachelor of

Religious Education.

Divinity. Graduates from Mississippi include Andrew J. Glaze, Jr., Pelahatchie, who will receive the Th. D. degree, and Carl Pierson Wells, Jr., New Hebron, who will receive the M.

#### Coggin To Speak At N. O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS, La. Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker at New Orleans Seminary Jan. 24-27 will be Dr. Ft. Worth.

Thursday afternoons.

sed to preach by First Church. James E. Coggin, Pastor of the Vardaman, and has been sup-Travis Avenue Baptist Church, plying pulpits in Calhoun County. He plans to enter college Dr. Coggin will deliver four in September. Others licensed major inspirational addresses and ordained by the Vardaman Tuesday through Friday morn- Church recently are Rev. Finings and Wednesday evening in ley Evans, a student at Missisthe women's and men's resi- sippi College, and Emmerson Mrs. Max Bramucchi. Assisted T. Pritchett and James Chow, tion. They and their two childence halls, respectively, and Tedder Jr., a student at Clarke Rev. Judson Glenn, pastor of by Mr. Hardy, they delivered donated candy and fruit from dren will reside in the church will confer privately with sem-Providence Church, and Rev. 50 packages containing candy, their stores to be included in pastorium at 1407 E. Third, inary students Tuesday through p a s t o r of the Vardaman

BAPTIS

NEW YORK - (BP) - Ba in Russia has been described diary of a convinced atheist yo

printed in both communist and Catholic papers. The Commonweal, a Roman publication in New York, has ed an article picked up from a Catholic bi-weekly, which in ti translated it from an art

Younost, a communist maga:

# Sunday

Laws.

# Opposed

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (RNS) - The Baptist New Mexican has taken an editorial stand against the enactment of laws closing all businesses on Sunday and has also deplored boycotts against firms which remain open. At the same time it protested the commercialization of Sunday.

If people would buy the items they need during the week. they would make it less profitable for businesses to operate on Sunday, the editorial in the Baptist publication said.

When laws are enacted, they apply to all pelple, it observed. The editorial questioned whether it would be right to require Seventh-day Adventists or Jewish businessmen to c se on Sunday, which is not a special day of worship for them.

**Deplores Houston Action** 

"We are aware that the fact Sunday has become such an important business day has taken its toll in the spiritual life of the people," the editorial stated.

"We deplore the fact that Houston ministerial groups asked for boycotts against businesses which remain open on Sundays," it continued. "At the same time we do not think we are inconsistent to say we believe it would be a better day for Christianity and for the world if Christian people did their buying on ome other day. If staying open for business on Sunday ever becomes an unprofitable thing, there won't be so much of it."

# BAYLOR HIKES this TUITION, SETS our **ENTRY TESTS**

WACO, Tex. - (BP) -Baylor University trustees have approved a three point policy der change aimed at improving the scholastic quality of the world's largest Baptist university.

The trustees (1) raised Baylor's tuition rate from \$16.50 to \$20 per semester hour, (2)

The action was in keeping with a trend among institutions of higher learning concerned with boosting academic standards, the trustees said. The tuition like will raise

average costs of \$495 a year to an average of \$600 per year. The increase will be effective in September of 1961. Cite Low Tuition Baylor surveyed tuition at

other private universities and

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## N. C. Baptists Plan Special **School Meeting**

RALEIGH, N. C. - (BP) North Caroline Baptists have picked May 4 for their special convention to discuss a \$45 million fund-raising program for Baptist higher education. The general board of the

Baptist State Convention said it will convene at Greensboro for a one-day special session. The fund-raising proposal will be the only matter on the

The money would be distributed among the seven Baptist colleges operated by the state convention. Baptist Student Union would receive \$1 million for student centers.

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